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The Problem of Americanization. By PETER ROBERTS, PH.D.
New York: The Macmillan Company, 1920. Pp. vii+246.
\$1.60.

It has now been four years since the Americanization movement proper was inaugurated. However, many individuals were engaged in helping to solve Americanization problems for years before the specific movement was started. In the book under review Dr. Roberts crystallizes his experiences during the past fifteen years, and outlines a vitally important Americanization program, based on five factors: (1) teaching English, (2) naturalization, (3) lectures and entertainments, (4) recreational activities, and (5) advisory councils. This program is to be carried into effect by Americanization directors, working primarily in industrial plants and in communities.

The distinctive contribution of the book is its emphasis on Americanization directors and advisory councils. The reviewer believes, however, that it would be better to have the Americanization director function as a part of rather than with the public-school system. There is considerable danger in having Americanization activities planned by workers who are employed directly by city governments or by corporations. A reorganization and elaboration of the last chapter—on the Goal of Americanization, namely, good citizenship—would make it more valuable. Throughout the discussion Dr. Roberts maintains a keen appreciation of the meaning of American democracy, of the immigrant's needs, and of the opportunities and tasks of Americanization—the result is a sane and timely guide to action.

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Rural Problems in the United States. By JAMES E. BOYLE, PH.D.
Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co., 1921. Pp. 142. \$1.00.

This little book essays a big task. Indeed, to attempt any adequate treatment of rural problems within such small compass is a rather daring undertaking. But without hesitation, the author has ventured upon it and has emerged in a creditable manner. With a pretty sure sense of what is vital, and a fairly nice balancing of material, he canvasses much of the field of rural life; and has succeeded in producing a readable booklet, which the general public will find informing and stimulating.

Following a brief discussion of the food-supply question, and a chapter outlining rural conditions and needs, the body of the booklet